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A demonstration by Mr. Whitney will be held on Manchaug Pond, Sunday, February 7, off shore from the State Boat Launching Ramp near the Manchaug Dam. The demonstration is scheduled to run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Equipment will be arriving in the morning for set-up, and a trailer museum of ice cutting equipment will be on display. This event is sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society.

Photo Courtesy of Malcolm Pearson

Students Prepare for Mock Trial

Darlene Gover, Michael Tift and Brian Juneau rehearsed for the mock hearing on January 28th.

MILLBURY. Students from Roger Desrosiers' Honors U.S. History class participated in a Congressional Mock Hearing on February 2, at North Quincy High School. Representing Millbury High were the following students (left to right): Brian Novak, John Welcom, Arlene Mattrick, Heather Murray, Wendy Stead, Chris Richard, Rodney Williams, Melissa Phelan, teacher, Roger Desrosiers, Melissa Haglund, and Scott Pease.

Shovel Those Sidewalks!!

Millbury Postmaster Bruce Walberg reminds residents that, to insure uninterrupted mail delivery, snow covered sidewalks must be cleared 24 hours after a snowfall. Anyone not receiving their mail will have to pick it up personally at the Post Office between 4:30 and 5:00, and present a statement that their box has been cleared of any snow to have mail delivery resumed. This announcement is necessary because a postal carrier has fallen, severely breaking his leg. The Post Office wants to be fair and feels that 24 hours is adequate time to clear any snow.

We the people...

Protect the "Friendly Skies"

To the Editor:

With the holiday travel season just concluded, many of us recently had occasion to frequent the nation's air travel system. In fact, more than 450 million passengers took to the skies in the United States last year - that's an average of two trips for every U.S. citizen, and nearly a 70% increase from 10 years ago, when airline deregulation took effect. However, with lower fares and more options for air travellers, we have new and frustrating problems: with service, schedules, and potentially with safety. I believe the solutions to our aviation system's problems, while neither easy nor quick, are clear.

We currently have $5.7 billion lying unused in an Aviation Trust Fund. This trust fund, which has been financed largely through an 8% tax on airline tickets, has been preserved as a bookkeeping means to subtract from the federal deficit. We must spend this money to improve our airports, modernize our air traffic control system, hire more controllers, and improve safety enforcement. Congress took the first step toward that goal last month, passing the "Airport and Airway Improvement Amendments of 1987", which directs the Federal Aviation Administration to hire an additional 1,000 air traffic controllers and authorizes spending close to $20 billion from the trust fund over the next five years for airport improvement. But we cannot stop there.

If you believe a safety violation is being committed by an airline, you should call the FAA's toll-free number to report it (1-800-FAA-SURE). If you wish to register a complaint about service on an airline (lost baggage, overbooking, etc.) you can either contact the Department of Transportation's Consumers Affairs office at 202-366-2220, or write to James H. Burnley, Secretary of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington DC, 20590. An educated and vocal consumer is Congress' best ally in the struggle for improved airline safety and service. We must keep the pressure on for the airlines and the Administration to keep the skies "friendly."

Chester G. Atkins
Member of Congress

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MILLBURY/SUTTON....All scouters are invited by Pack 143, St. Mark's-Sutton, to a special service at the Church on Boston Road, at 7:00 p.m. The service will celebrate Scout Week.

SUTTON. A Roast Beef Supper will be held at the First Congregational Church, Boston Road at the Common, from 5-7 p.m. with continuous servings.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MILLBURY...Millbury Mothers Club monthly meeting in the Media Center at the Shaw Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

MILLBURY...District Nursing Society Blood Pressure Clinic at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MILLBURY...The Assumption School Parent Teacher Guild will meet in the church hall. Consultations with the teachers will be held from 7-8 p.m.

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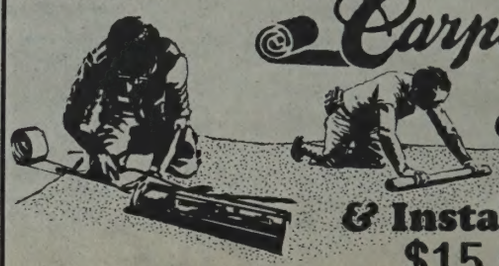

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MILLBURY SELECTMEN'S MEETING DIGEST

Selectmen Hear Update on Heritage State Park

By Edward J. Cooney

JANUARY 26, 1988

MILLBURY. Chairman Jude Cristo opened the meeting with Selectmen Wynton Adams, Roland Lachance and Donald Gauthier present.

The January 12 minutes were approved with corrections on a 3-0-1 vote.

- Administrative Assistant Earl Chase presented his weekly report to the board, beginning with information gathered from his meeting with the Telephone Task Force last week.

Chase noted that telephone representatives indicated that there was significant improvement in dates for upgrading the telephone system in Millbury and Sutton. According to Chase, the representatives also stated that there were no dates established as yet, and that they wished to dispel rumors to the contrary. Chase stated that it would be about 30 days before dates are finalized. He also noted that the dates could possibly be moved to the beginning of 1989 instead of the end of '89.

- Chase informed the board that he had contacted an abutter and owner of land next to the old waterhole near the Old Common. He stated that the abutter was agreeable to granting an easement to the town for use of a portion of land close to the water hole, thus eliminating the possible expense of the town to prepare another access road. Chase stated that the next step would be to have Hunter Greenwood survey, lay out, and describe the portion of land to be used as an easement for an access road. Chase also indicated that the abutter had future plans for paving and constructing a driveway to his home and suggested the access road be located as far east as possible. An article will be prepared for the annual Town Meeting.

- Chase informed the board that the main fan motor had failed in the heating system and was replaced by William F. Lynch Company.

- Regarding a previous inquiry from Adams concerning payment to the town in lieu of taxes by the Carpenter Training School, Chase reported that he was informed that the board of trustees is presently discussing the matter. Chase also took note of the fact that the assessors were aware of an initial payment several years ago by the trustees, but they were not aware that this arrangement was to continue thereafter. Cristo asked if the trustees were aware they had made a commitment. Chase replied, "Yes. They will get back to us."

- Chase referred to material presented to the board concerning health insurance for town employees. He stated that the report gives an overview of possible alternatives which the board could review to prepare questions for the town's insurance consultant.

- Chase informed the board that he was notified by State Representative Paul Kollios' office that the Town of Millbury will receive local aid from the state at an increase of $275,893 over the last fiscal year, for a total of $3.9 million. Chase also stated that the figure was firm and would show up on the Cherry Sheet. He also noted that the State would absorb some of the county jail costs.

- The board voted 4-0 to approve and sign a proclamation for the 175th anniversary celebration to take place from June 11, 1988 through July 4, 1988.

- Under "Old Business", Chase stated that no appointments were to be made. He noted that Terry Burke-Dotson, a member of the Planning Board, expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Housing Partnership Committee. Chase stated that Mary Moore was to represent the Planning Board and that he told Ms. Burke-Dotson that he could not recommend another member to the Housing Partnership but that she should "stand by".

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- At 7:30 p.m., Representative Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge), was present to speak to the board concerning the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park. Cristo recognized both Moore and Representative Kollios, who started off the discussion and presentation by briefly stating that this was an opportunity for the board to be updated.

Kollios introduced Bill Weiss, a representative from the Department of Environmental Management, Monica Fairbane, director of the Phase I project for the restoration of the Blackstone Canal, and Benjamin Miles, a delegate to the Heritage Park and Canal Commission.

Moore presented Cristo with an award to the town for improving the appearance of the community as part of the Heritage Community Award Program.

Moore then presented the board with data and summaries of two reports completed and prepared by the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission. He noted that the report summarized two major areas of concern: 1. an Economic Impact Report and 2. a zoning, planning and development summary pertaining to the Heritage Park, the Blackstone Valley Corridor, and the Blackstone River. Moore stated that letters have been sent to local planning boards in the Valley, citing the need for possible modifications of zoning bylaws along the Corridor. He also stated that a centralized study would involve Millbury in conjunction with the Mass Pike and Rte. 146 projects.

Moore reported that Phase I, which is underway, involves Uxbridge, Northbridge and Millville. "We are meeting with towns in Rhode Island. We will be adding language and monies to do further concept studies. There are a number of possibilities involving the development of a concept plan. We can work with selectmen and other boards to clean up the river. The Waters Mansion can be part of the Canal Concept. Millbury has a couple of historical features that can be highlighted and protected from development. The Turnpike Connector is in the design phase now."

Weiss reviewed a map showing the layout and proposals for siting the Heritage Park concept in Worcester, reaching to the Millbury town line. He emphasized that the location in Worcester would be sited between 146 and the railroad tracks that run parallel to the road. A section of the park would highlight an interpreter's station which would show how the canal looked and describe how workers went home at the end of the day. "There will be open space recreation areas landscaped with a buffer and woodland area. Pedestrian trails will be developed along with picnic areas which would extend into Millbury."

Weiss also indicated that more definite plans would be made after the DPW makes up its mind on the location of the Mass Pike Connector and the Rte. 20 and Rte. 146 interchanges into Worcester.

Monica Fairbane spoke on the location of phase I in the Uxbridge and Northbridge area, noting that the project has completed the preliminary and final design phase. Phase I will involve restoring the canal and cleaning up the Blackstone River. A canal boat will be part of the project in that area. "We are working very closely and cooperatively with the Stanley Woolen Mill Complex which has the most intense remnants of the canal. An interpreter's station will be located in Uxbridge which will tell the story and history of the towns along the canal. As soon as we have more money available, we will move into Phase II.

Ms. Fairbane noted that over the past 8 years the land values have made big jumps and costs are higher than originally projected.

Cristo asked about the possibility of acquiring funds to assist the town in restoration work at the Asa Waters Mansion. Moore replied federal funds may be available from the National Parks Service, and he noted that National Historical Funds are limited.

Cristo explained the problem Millbury faces with acquiring funds. He stated that it is increasingly difficult to access other funds, noting the town had received a $15,000 grant to match $15,000 from the town to restore a portion of the mansion, but received a bid for $80,000. Cristo suggested that the mansion could be turned into a museum which could be opened up to the whole valley and to statewide tourists. "We would be interested in a proposal or concept plans."

Selectman Roland Lachance asked how the location of the park in Worcester would deal with the sewage treatment plant in its backyard. Weiss replied that engineering studies are being developed to mitigate that problem and clean it up.

Selectman Wynton Adams stated that he was concerned that Millbury would be passed by. "It looks like the interest is there. I hope you continue."

Moore replied, "Representative Paul Kollios sits near me in the house. He keeps an eye on me."

Lachance then expressed concern that

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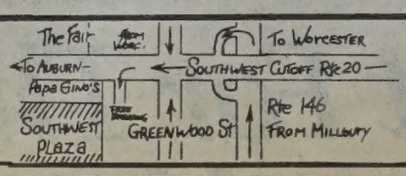

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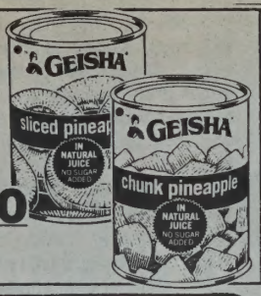

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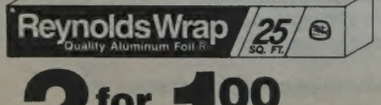

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TUESDAY: Lunch at noon, shopping to Stuarts or mall, video films from 1-2.

WEDNESDAY: Lunch at noon, PM doctor appointments

THURSDAY: Orchard Apartments Health Checks from 8-9:30, Info and Ref. from 10-11:30, grocery shopping from 9:30 to 1:00.

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon, health checks in Sutton Library from 12:30 to 1:00, bowling in Webster at 1:15.

TAX ASSISTANCE will be provided on February 5th and 12th from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. An appointment is necessary. Call the COA office at 865-9798.

HOLIDAY: President's Day, February 15th, COA office will be closed.

HAPPY VALENTINE DAY!

COA MENUS

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TUESDAY: Pork Chop Suey with Chinese Noodles, Fried Rice, Oriental Blend, Oatmeal Bread & Butter, Pineapple Chunks

WEDNESDAY: Vegetable Soup, Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Winter Mix Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Wheat Bread & Butter, Chilled Peaches

THURSDAY: Beef Stew w/Vegetables, Hot Biscuit, 3-Bean Salad, Butter, Vanilla Pudding

FRIDAY: Sweetheart Chicken (Sweet & Sour), Sweet Potato, Romance Blend Vegetable (Peas and Carrots), French Stick & Butter, Sugar Cookies

Woman's Club members attend meeting

MILLBURY. Members of the Millbury Woman's Club Inc., including Dorothea Molleur, Joyce Vanderwart, and President Patricia Taraskiewicz attended the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Club' midwinter meeting on Wednesday, January 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Sturbridge Conference Center in Sturbridge. MSFWC President Nancy Beatty, of West Upton, presided with approximately 500 delegates in attendance.

"Let's get involved" was the meeting theme, which was introduced by Sandra Bishop of Brockton, MSFWC chairman of Public Affairs.

Paula Gold, State Secretary of Consumer Affairs, addressed the gathering in the morning. Barbara Pryor of Wayland, mother of missing child Sarah Pryor and co-director of the Sarah Pryor Foundation for Victimized Children and Families, was the featured speaker in the afternoon.

The Symphonique Brass Quartet, comprised of faculty members of the Performing Arts School in Worcester, provided entertainment.

Harriet Weston of Hingham, MSFWC executive secretary for 14 years, was honored at a noontime reception.

The Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Club, a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is a community oriented volunteer service organization which involves 17,000 women in 235 clubs throughout the Commonwealth.

Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS: There should be quite a bit of news soon since the election of officers will take place in February, and plans for trips in the future will be discussed.

At present, the tenants are looking forward to the dinner they will be served by the Lions Club on Monday, February 15th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings are extended to Stanley Wood who celebrated his birthday on February 3rd, Margaret Alex who will celebrate hers on February 8th, and Anna Hearns who will add another candle to her cake on the 21st. Best Wishes to all!

LINDEN APARTMENTS: Birthday greetings go out to Walter Stidsen, Margaret Sharp, and Evelyn Lindberg at Linden. A very Happy Birthday to each of you!

COLONIAL APARTMENTS: Celebrating birthdays at Colonial are Clara McDermott, Molly Crockford, and Alice Talman. Many Happy Returns to you all!

THE LEGEND OF ST. VALENTINE: An old legend has it that the Valentine got its name from a youthful priest in Rome who had been imprisoned as a Christian. He thought of his parishioners and sought a way to strengthen their faith and to assure them that he was praying for them. Just within reach of his cell window, he noticed a cluster of violets. He picked the heart-shaped leaves, and with a pin pricked the words, "Remember your Valentine." It is not known how he got the flowery message to his parishioners. (He probably bribed a jailor, but a more fanciful version says he entrusted the message to a dove!)

On following days, he sent other messages and thus started a delightful custom which is enthusiastically followed to this day. To those you love and remember - send Valentine messages.

WIT AND WISDOM: *When you meet the man without a smile, give him one of yours!*

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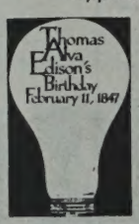

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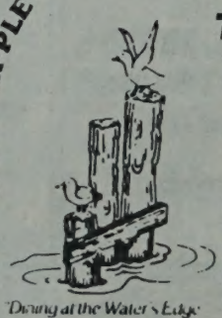

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Board Upholds Decision to Ban Commercial Hauling at Landfill

By Jim Douglass

SUTTON. The January 26 Selectmen's Meeting opened with board members Carl Licopoli, Frank Gatto, Mike Chizy, and Chairman Wallace Johnson present.

The discussion immediately turned to feedback received by the board with respect to last week's decision to ban commercial haulers from the town dump. Concerns had come from both small commercial haulers who fear being driven out of business and businesses concerned about increased costs to them and their customers. Most of the negative feedback had come to Wallace Johnson, who said, "I'm trying to be fair and square with everybody." Johnson asked for additional time to study the issue. Other board members noted that the 30 day cessation letter had still not been sent out to the commercial haulers, and they stated that they did not favor any delay. The discussion also covered the increased cost of using the incinerator in Millbury, (up to $70 a ton compared with $30 in the town dump), and the ultimate need of the town to deal with the Millbury company when it's own dump space runs out. The issue was closed with a consensus of the board to uphold their previous decision which was to send out the 30 day notification letter.

Other business included the following:

- A rough outline of the 88-89 town budget was discussed and modifications were made. The proposed budget, which may be obsolete if the town charter is passed, will be reviewed and altered by the finance committee and voted on at the upcoming town meeting. The budget ranged from the mundane, such as $5700 for oil heat, $1500 for Memorial Day celebrations, and $7,000 to paint the Town Hall, to new salaried positions from the town hall custodian to an administrative assistant taking home up to $35,000. This tentative budget was combed over, with Johnson noting sometime before closing the discussion that "the Finance Committee may chop this apart."

- A request to operate a limousine service in Sutton was discussed and approved. A letter from an individual who said he worked for the Massachusetts Port Authority was read with the request that permission be granted to bring his service within the town of Sutton. The selectmen searched their memories for any existing livery laws on the books, recalled none, and decided they had no objections.

- An application for a malt beverage license was heard from a store to be located on the corner of Wilkinsonville and Route 122. The convenience store, still under construction and to be located in the new mall at that site, wishes to sell beer and wine. The board deferred action, noting that construction was proceeding slowly with Johnson saying the board would "wait 'til the building gets further along."

- The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Assumption School PTG to Meet

MILLBURY. The Assumption School Parent Teacher Guild will meet on February 11 in the church hall. Consultations with the teachers will be held from 7-8 p.m. Following the business meeting, guest speaker Ms. Elepe DeGroot, a clinical social worker at the Worcester Youth Guidance Center, will discuss "Raising your Child's Self Esteem".

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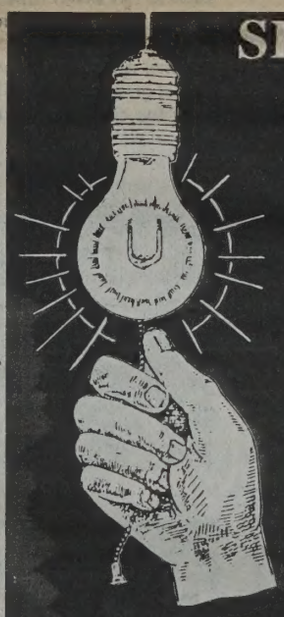

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Sutton Students to Visit Basketball Hall of Fame

SUTTON. The Sutton Memorial High School Class of 1991 will take a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts on February 25. The Hall of Fame Director, Joe O'Brien, is offering a special program for high school students at the cost of $1.00. The students will be given a pre-test on the game of basketball before they tour the complex, and then a post test on completion of the tour. Director O'Brien will be available to answer any questions the students may have during the tour.

Students Tour Boston-Computer Museum

SUTTON. On January 28, Mrs. Linda White, business teacher at Sutton Jr.-Sr. High School, and Mrs. Joanne Farineau, librarian, chaperoned beginning and advanced accounting students on a field trip to the Computer Museum in Boston.

The Computer Museum traces the history of computers from the mid-1940's to the present, and charts the development of computer technology fr vacuum tubes to transistors to integrated circuits. Students were given a brief guided tour of the historical exhibits, and had the opportunity to use personal computers as well as state-of-the-art graphics equipment.

Accounting classes at Sutton High School learn elementary and advanced accounting procedures by using computer software and applications.

Disney Film Fest to begin February 6

MILLBURY. The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, will begin its Disney Film Fest on Saturday, February 6, with the Disney feature length film, "Bedknobs and Broomsticks". The film will be shown at 10:30 a.m. in the Library's meeting room.

The Library will present a classic Disney feature film each Saturday during the month of February. In addition to enjoying a great film, filmgoers will also be able to enjoy pizza and root beer during intermission.

egistration for each film presentation is necessary. You can register at the Library or by calling 865-1181.

ney Film Fest is sponsored by the Friends e Millbury Public Library.

Millbury Early School Dismissal Rescheduled to February 9

MILLBURY. The early release time day planned for January 26th has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 9th. On February 9th, the High School will be dismissed at noon, the Middle School at 12:30 p.m., and the Elmwood School at 1:00 p.m. The morning kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Lunches will be served as usual except at the High School.

Schools are dismissed early to allow teachers to work on curriculum improvement.

Moore Begins "Community Spotlight Program"

SUTTON. The on-going "Community Spotlight Program," sponsored by Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), is shining on the Town of Sutton. On Friday, January 29th, Moore visited with town officials, students, senior citizens, and Sutton residents throughout the day. The meetings are designed to help create a working agenda to better prepare Sutton for the challenges of the 1990's.

"Sutton, like other communities in the Blackstone Valley, is experiencing tremendous growth," said Moore. "Sutton is a much different community today than when I first entered the State House eleven years ago. Although I welcome economic expansion, we must be careful to avoid uncontrolled growth." Moore maintains that a close working relationship between state and local officials is crucial to insure stability in the midst of the region's economic revitalization.

The Spotlight Program is taking Moore to each of the seven towns in his district. "The program has been a tremendous success throughout the Valley," said Moore. "We're trying to promote regional and cooperative planning in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. If we're going to meet the challenges of the 1990's, planning must begin now."

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Kollios replied, "Some people in Millbury tell me they like it that way."

Cristo then suggested that the meeting adjourn for a tour of the Mansion. Upon returning 15 minutes later, Cristo called for a resumption of the meeting.

- Chase reported that Dorothy Pond has been lowered but cautioned that further lowering might cause some problems because of the ice covering.

- Chase stated that the County Engineer's plan and layout for Herricks Lane is in the mail and a description will be forthcoming.

- Chase informed the board that a paver for sidewalk construction will not be included in an article for the town meeting. An article for a backhoe will be included on the warrant.

- Chief Brady has submitted a proposal for a policy for suicide prevention in the cell holding area. The matter was deferred until next week's meeting.

- Under "New Business", the board voted unanimously to renew the Sunday Entertainment License at the St. Charles Hotel.

- A request for use of Town Counsel to render a legal opinion was submitted to the board by Fire Chief Tom Nault, and approved on a 4-0 vote. Nault indicated in his request that an opinion was needed to ascertain if the town would incur any liability in a situation where a fire is reported but a tenant or owner refuses the department entrance.

- As an addenda item, Gauthier requested that an item be placed on the agenda concerning lighting at Hayward Glen.

- A brief discussion developed concerning the demolition and removal of a house that was burned out on Main Street near the Baptist Church. Several suggestions were advanced, from having the building condemned by the Building Inspector and placing a lien on the property, to having the town demolish the building and bill the owner. Lachance suggested that the Board of Health be asked to inspect the building for any health code violations. Adams called for the Building Inspector to get an estimate for demolition and get back to the board next week.

- Lachance requested that a letter be sent to the fire engineers to inquire if they have voted to reorganize. He noted that the Fire Chief must be appointed annually since there is no tenure for that position.

- Cristo noted that a meal's grievance had been submitted. Chase stated that the grievance was referred to the Personnel Board for resolution.

- It was noted that Rep. Kollios is closing his office on Providence Street.

- The Dog Officer has submitted an estimate of $2500 for rebuilding the engine of the present van. Cristo suggested that Chase make inquiries into a school department van that may be turned in. It was also noted that maintenance of the van should be in the budget and that preventive maintenance is an overriding factor for future acquisition of another van for the dog officer.

- The board was notified that Cable Media will be raising their rates from $11.95 to $12.95 with a 10% discount for multiple services.

- Town Counsel informed the board that litigation involving Clearview Estates and the Planning Board has been remanded to the Planning Board for review.

Sutton Men's Bowling League

SUTTON. The following are the results of the Sutton Men's Bowling League, bowling at Mohegan Bowl-a-Drome in Webster.

High Triple over average, + 42, Dave Lavallee
High Triple, 317, Dave Lavallee
High Single, 123, Bill Jones
Winning Team, 1st Half, 54 games - Team #3
Grazdauskas, Captain
Runner-up, 1st half, 52 games - Team #4
Jones, Captain
High Triple, 1st Half, 352 rolled by Randy Robbins
High Single, 145, rolled by Bill Jones

Millbury Women's Bowling League

Pat Gaspar was the high bowler again this week, rolling a 303 with strings of 111-95-97. Second high of 298 was rolled by Hope Stockhaus, with strings of 97-105-96. Mary Jo Boire rolled third high with a 293, strings of 96-94-103.

There is now a three-way tie for first place. Team Standings are as follows:

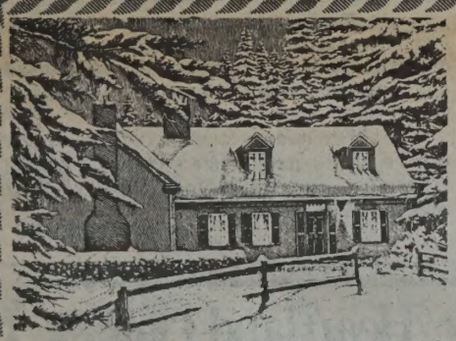
TEAM	WON	LOST
HUMMINGBIRDS	14	10
CUCKOOS	14	10
DODO BIRDS	14	10
NIGHTINGALES	12	12
WOODPECKERS	11	13
CARDINALS	7	17

Top Ten Bowlers
Pat Gaspar - 100.7
Becky Rushton - 96.9
Hope Stockhaus - 96.9
Ann Coons - 94.3
Ann Kach - 91.9
Joan DeSantis - 91.4
Kathy Marble - 90.9
Mary Jo Boire - 90.6
Gail Higginbottom - 90.0
Ellen Bouvier - 90.0

High Average
Pat Gaspar - 100.7
Becky Rushton - 96.9
Hope Stockhaus - 96.9
Ann Coons - 94.3

High Triple
Pat Gaspar - 366
Ann Coons - 323
Hope Stockhaus - 320

High Single
Pat Gaspar - 143
Becky Rushton - 125
Ann Coons - 123



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School Committee Approves Three Year Science Requirement

By Edward J. Cooney

January 27, 1988

MILLBURY. Chairman Hanratty called the January 27 School Committee meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with members Patricia Cooney, Alan Tuttle, Edward Wilczynski and Bruce Pease present.

- Dr. Sylvia, Superintendent, recommended increasing the present science requirements for graduation to a three year requirement effective with the present grade 10 class. "We see a need to increase the science requirement, and the Science Department Head, Mrs. Archambeault, is recommending adding a 3rd year."

Dr. Troughton, Curriculum Coordinator, also supported the recommendation and emphasized that Assessment Test results indicated some areas of weakness. "Enrollment patterns present much concern for us. In grades 9 and 10, 100% of kids are enrolled in science, and as we move into grade 11, there is a dramatic drop in election of Chemistry to 37% as well as in grade 12 where Physics and Physiology are selected by college level students. In the upcoming Mass. Assessment Test, a majority will only have two years of science."

Science Department Head Kathy Archambeault spoke to the three year requirement, indicating that the courses outlined would allow for flexibility in covering the material. Grade 9 would emphasize earth science, botany and ecology; grade 10 would include biology. The general student would study areas in technology and social issues and would interact with the environment.

Tuttle inquired if additional staff would be needed. Sylvia responded that he was working with Principal Daniel Carmody on that issue but indicated that an additional staff member may be needed. Tuttle also inquired if under-subscribed classes would be dropped. Sylvia stated that would be an area of concern for the fall.

Mrs. Cooney asked about the number of full time staff currently employed in science. Mrs. Archambeault replied that there are four full time staff people and two part timers. Mrs. Cooney then asked if the two part timers were certified in Science. Sylvia stated,"I don't think they are. They have some science background and are close to certification." When asked by Mrs. Cooney to define "close", Sylvia replied, "I mean they have taken a lot of courses. I am not sure they are certified."

Wilczynski stated that he favored the recommendation because it would be more demanding, noting that in grades 11 and 12 present requirements are not so demanding. He also indicated that the system would also be looking at Social Studies which would pull students away from other courses and departments. He expressed concern for geography, noting that recent polls indicate some students don't even know where the Pacific Ocean is located.

Wilczynski moved to accept Sylvia's recommendation, which was approved unanimously.

- Item 3 on the agenda was a presentation of a report by Carole Chiras on the Gifted and Talented Program at the Middle and Elmwood Street Schools. Mrs. Chiras reported that the program is very unique for a system the size of Millbury. She also noted that the staff involved in the K-7 program has done an outstanding job in every respect.

Mrs. Chiras then highlighted her remarks by describing Project ALERT at the Middle School. She explained that she teaches eight periods per week and that the students are very cooperative. She emphasized the use of the Solar Room for science exploration and the emphasis on study skills in grades 6 and 7.

Mrs. Chiras reported that, in May, 6th and 7th grade students will participate in a field experience by going on a whale watch. Other areas of activity include a Story Club for grades 4 and 5, a bookstore run by students, and promotional items as an incentive for positive activity recognition. A commercial artist will be involved with Art Teacher Kathy Williams to instruct interested students in developing a mural on the History of Millbury.

Mrs. Chiras reported that the program at Elmwood is conducted three days a week under a discretionary grant for enrichment projects. She also cited the need for budgeting monies for a part time person to continue the program in grades 1-2-3. In grades 5 and 6 an innovative program for students not performing to ability will be developed to service 5 or 6 students who will be monitored for grade improvement. She noted that parents will be notified if their child is chosen to be in this experimental group.

Tuttle asked Mrs. Chiras if she visualized an expansion of the program. Mrs. Chiras responded "I hope so. I hope the Solar Room will bring about more motivation, that it will motivate teachers to offer these types of activities to students, not only ALERT students, but other students as well. There is a need for classroom teachers to individualize their subjects for kids. The opportunities are there."

Sylvia stated that he supported the need for a part time person at $6,000, with no benefits, to perform 3 days of instruction per week at Elmwood Street.

A vote on the part time position was deferred until next week's budget meeting.

- Mrs. Pojani, of the School Improvement Council, reported that $400 received from the Arts Council has been used to purchase prints. She requested that the committee draft a letter thanking the Arts Council for their grant; the committee concurred.

- Troughton reported on a system-wide Homework Policy which the committee had in its possession for consideration of a first reading.

Troughton suggested that the policy dealing with the High School be condensed, and that a broad type of statement be given to parents. He stated that specific statements would be included in the Student Handbook. Troughton specified that the time expectation for homework at the elementary level would be 10-50 minutes in areas such as spelling, reading and math. In grade 5, approximately 3/4 of an hour to 1 hour; in grade 6-7, expectations could be 2 hours.

Turning to the High School, Troughton made 4 points concerning the homework policy.

1. The high school is highly departmentalized which makes it a department issue. He suggested condensing the wording in the department policy and regulations and leaving technical issues to each department.

2. Homework should be reflected as part of the student's grade. There should be relevancy in the assignments that deal with classwork. Busy work should be avoided.

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Millbury High Evaluation Report Released

MILLBURY. The following "Summary of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Evaluation Report" was recently released by the Office of the Superintendent.

"Millbury Memorial High School has been evaluated by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This evaluation took place during October, 1987 and was completed by a visiting team of thirteen professional educators. Public high schools are evaluated by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges every ten years by being involved in a self-study evaluation which is completed to assess the quality of educational offerings. In addition to the school questionnaires on standards developed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Millbury High School also used materials published by the National Study of School Evaluation which included a formal written parent survey, student survey and teacher survey.

"The self-study of Millbury High extended over a period of seventeen school months, from May, 1986 to October, 1987. It was the judgement of the visiting committee that the self-study was extremely well carried out by the staff at Millbury High School. All materials were well prepared for the visiting committee and it was evident that considerable time, thought and attention went into the preparation of all self-study materials. In essence, the self-study reflected that a very serious effort was made on the part of the Millbury High School staff, student body and community with respect to the evaluation.

"A Steering Committee of the professional staff was appointed to supervise the myriad details inherent in the self-study. The Steering Committee assigned all teachers and administrators in the school to appropriate sub-committees to determine the quality of all programs, activities and facilities available for young people. The Steering Committee consisted of administrators, teachers, counselors and department heads.

"A visiting committee of thirteen evaluators was assigned by the Commission on Public Schools to evaluate the quality of the educational programs at Millbury High School. The team members, selected on the basis of their demonstrated abilities in their own local settings, spent four days in Millbury, reviewed the self-study documents which had been prepared for their examination, and met with administrators, teachers and students to determine the degree to which the school's offerings were carrying out the statement of philosophy and objectives. Since the evaluators represented public schools, the State Department of Education, central office administrators, their expertise provided diverse points of view which were brought to bear on the evaluation of Millbury High School. This report of the findings of the visiting team will be forwarded to the Commission on Public Schools which will make a decision on the accreditation of Millbury High School in the Association

"One of the most obvious and positive aspects of Millbury Memorial High School was the thorough preparation on the part of the staff and community in preparing for this evaluation. Initially, the visiting committee was impressed with the cleanliness of the high school facility and the pride the maintenance staff has in maintaining the building. In addition to being very clean, Millbury High School was a very functional facility. The visiting committee was impressed with the fact that one of the major goals of the school system was to improve its high school facility. The visiting committee compliments the Town of Millbury on this accomplishment. The visiting committee was also impressed with the development of curriculum guides for all program areas. In some program areas, specific learning objectives were included in the program guides.

"The visiting committee has found at Millbury High School a dedicated and hard working administration and teaching staff. There appears to be a commitment on the part of all certified and non-certified staff to provide an educational program of high quality to the students of Millbury High School. Of particular note was the very positive learning and teaching atmosphere which permeates the entire school.

"One of the most positive aspects of Millbury High School is its outstanding student body. The visiting committee found a caring and concerned student body, one which was very interested in its high school. The visiting committee was unanimous in its feelings that a positive atmosphere existed and that students were generally well behaved and wanted its school to be among the best.

"The thrust of this report will indicate that the major emphasis at Millbury High School should now be placed on curriculum. The major work in the future lies in determining what Millbury High School expects from its students and further developing the courses of study to meet those expectations. A more formal, consistent assessment of these expectations should be a major part of this plan. The visiting committee encourages, in fact strongly encourages, that the reassessment of curriculum be done by the entire staff with representation from students and parents.

"In essence, the visiting committee found Millbury High School to be a school in which teachers and administrators are concerned about providing positive learning situations for students. The desire to improve

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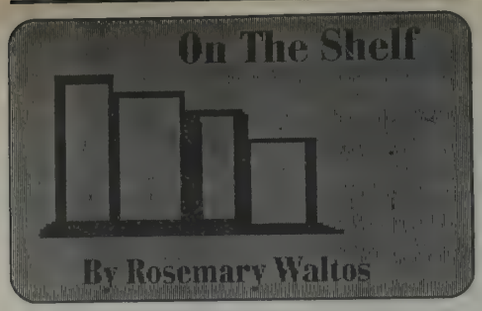

A recent Gallup Poll found that 62% of adults surveyed enjoy reading mysteries. Circulation figures at the Millbury Public Library show that mysteries are one of the most read genres in the Millbury community.

Mysteries such as the classic "whodunits", romantic suspense and hard-boiled detective stories can all be found at the Library. The demand for mysteries, and the swell in the number of good mysteries being written today, has prompted the Library to create a separate mystery section. In our new books section, you'll also find the latest mysteries being published. Keep on reading for a sample of some of the new mysteries at the Library.

THE COLOR OF BLOOD by Brian Moore - This award-winning British author is noted for his ability to create riveting plots and suspense. His latest mystery involves Cardinal Stephan Bem and the dangerous circumstances that bring him underground and sleuthing in Eastern Europe.

AN EVIL HOUR by Jill McCown - Ex-Policeman and reluctant private eye Harry Lambert, enters the world of suspicion as he delves deeper and deeper into three grisly murders and then a fourth with Annie Maddox, owner of the Wellington Hotel, as the only link.

THE UNINVITED CORPSE by Michael Underwood - The Washington Post calls Michael Underwood "the master of the game of courtroom drama" with the introduction of Rosa Epton, England's Perry Mason, and her ability to solve bizarre and baffling cases. Underwood introduced Epton as she finds herself tied up in the legal affairs of Vernon Gray, the oldest and richest resident of Mongton-on-the-Sea, and eventually in Gray's untimely death.

THE STRAIGHT MAN by Roger L. Simon - This is another in the Moses Wine detective stories. We find Moses out of a job and heading for his psychiatrist's couch and a less than conventional approach to his neuroses that involves him in a case that could mean his death.

WHEN THE FAT MAN SINGS by William Murray - For those who enjoyed Murray's Shifty Anderson mysteries, Shifty's back with another caper story involving the art of thievery and forgery. This time he finds himself unexpectedly mixed up with Fulvio Casparini, famous operatic tenor who chooses Shifty as his lucky charm.

MAIGRET AND THE YELLOW DOG by Georges Simenon - Simenon has written over one hundred novels and short stories featuring Jules Maigret. His latest involves the retrained Superintendent Maigret as he purposely avoids the obvious and quick arrest to finally release the innocent and catch the culprits that shot one of Britain's most prominent citizens.

SPIT IN THE OCEAN by Shelly Singer - Jake Samson and his sidekick, Rosie, arrive in Wheeler, California, at the same time a Wheeler bank employee takes a fatal dive over a cliff. Jake and Rosie find themselves windswept on the stormy California coast as they pursue the thief and murderer, and solve their most complicated case.

A CANDIDATE FOR MURDER by Frank Orenstein - This story is right in time for the upcoming presidential elections. This is the story of a high-powered and cynical New York advertising executive's adventure when someone starts shooting at his client in the wild's of the Iowa primary.

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY

EVERY SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY: DISNEY FILM FEST. Join us each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. throughout February for a Disney feature film presentation. Pizza and root beer will be served during intermission. Pre-registration is necessary for each showing.

February 6: "Bedknobs and Broomsticks"
February 13: "Sleeping Beauty"
February 20: "Return to Witch Mountain"
February 27: "Mary Poppins" (starts at 10:00 a.m.)

The Disney Film Fest is sponsored by the Friends of the Millbury Public Library.

FEBRUARY 7 at 12:30: WORCESTER ART MUSEUM ART TREAT BUS TOUR. Join the Worcester Art Museum and the Library in their annual "Art Treat" program. Explore with Museum personnel the Museum's fine collection of 20th Century art. Children and adults will be invited to a hands-on demonstration of tissue art.

Newborn baby care class

WORCESTER. The Childbirth Education Association will sponsor a Newborn Baby Care class on Thursday, February 11, from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room at St. Vincent Hospital, 25 Winthrop St., Worcester.

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THURSDAY: Sloppy Joe on a Roll, French Fries, Corn, Danish
FRIDAY: Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad

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TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Potato Puffs, Carrots, Pan Roll/Butter, Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Peaches
THURSDAY: Shepherd's Pie, Pan Roll/Butter, Ice Cream
FRIDAY: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Pears

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Founded in 1980, Merry Maids has grown to become the largest professional home cleaning company in the nation. Their network of 450 offices in 45 states services the hearts of over 100,000 home, apartment and condominium residents each month.

Taintor said that husbands typically give Merry Maids to their wives for Valentine's Day. "Parents also give the service to their children at college or to a couple who have just had a baby. Others have arranged services for their mothers or grandmothers," he said.

Taintor compares the gift of professional home cleaning to a gift of time. "Time is a very precious thing. It's nice to be able to say 'thanks' in such a thoughtful way."

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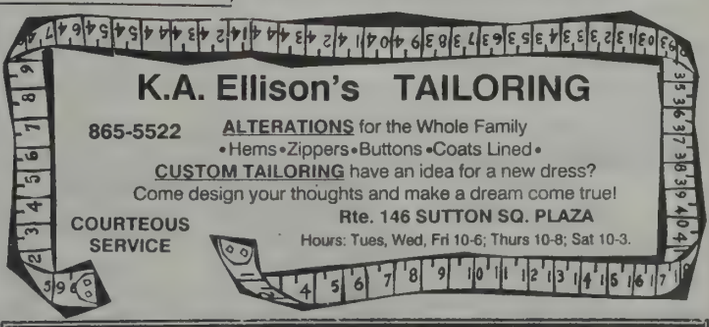
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Mothers Club to meet February 9

MILLBURY. The Millbury Mothers Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, in the Media Center at the Shaw Middle School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Preventative Body Mechanics for the Home and Workplace. Guest speakers will be Janice Patten, R.P.T., and Janet Vigeant, R.P.T.

Parents and grandparents are invited and encouraged to attend what promises to be a very informative evening. Refreshments will be served.

Church to hold Roast Beef Supper

SUTTON. A Roast Beef Supper will be held at the First Congregational Church, Boston Road at the Common, on Saturday, February 6, from 5-7 p.m. with continuous servings.

The menu will consist of Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Cabbage au Gratin, Corn Chowder, Rice Pudding, and the usual homemade breads.

Dinner prices are as follows: $5.00 for adults, $1.50 for children twelve and under, no charge for children five and under.

Millbury Democrats to Caucus February 27

MILLBURY. Registered Democrats in Millbury will be holding a caucus on Saturday, February 27, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. to elect delegates to the 1988 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Millbury will be electing 8 delegates and 4 alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Mary Anne Dube will call the caucus at Millbury High School Library. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of December 30, 1987. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting, and give his or her written consent to be nominated, and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate-selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 426. Boston, MA 02108 no later than February 29, 1988.

Anniversary Committee Update

MILLBURY. Millbury's 175th Anniversary Committee will meet at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on February 9 and March 1.

Organizations wishing to sell commemorative items are asked to contact Fred Vulter at 865-4638 or to attend one of the meetings. All commemoratives must be approved by this committee which has been appointed by the Selectmen to prepare the anniversary celebration.

- The following events are scheduled: Saturday, June 11, Millbury's birthday, a Block Party will be held at the center from 4-9 p.m. A variety of music will be featured at different locations, including country and blue grass, polka, hits from the 50's and 60's and more. Any group interested in operating a booth is asked to contact Tim Johnson at 865-6855.

- At noon on Sunday, June 12, there will be a firemen's muster.

- The Central Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra will perform at Windle Field on Saturday, June 18. A fireworks display will follow.

- A bike race is planned from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 19.

- A black tie dinner dance will take place at the Sheraton Lincoln on Friday, June 24.

- On Saturday, June 25, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., children will participate in activities at the high school athletic field.

- The Lions Club carnival and parade will be held on Sunday, July 3.

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interaction between administration, teachers, students and parents was quite evident. The visiting committee was immensely impressed with the genuine concern on the part of these groups to build an even better 'program of instruction' for Millbury High School. It appears that the commitment on the part of all to bring about greater quality in all parts of teaching and learning is very evident. The visiting committee encourages this direction.

"Student activities are carried out in an activity period that meets twice a month during the school day as well as after school. Co-curricular activities are originated by teachers and students. Some of the activities at Millbury High School are National Honor Society, Student Council, Student Advisory Council, Yearbook, Reflector, Drama Club, Foreign Language Travel Club, Business Club, Band, Chorus, Dances, Interscholastic Athletics, and L'Autre Choix.

"The learning areas of Millbury High School are Art, Business Education, English, Foreign Language, Health Education and Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Special Education, Emerging and Unique Programs, and Student Activities.

"The perception of the visiting committee is that Millbury High School is on the threshold of great change. Some of the Assessment Task Force recommendations made to the School Committee as a result of the State Assessment Testing Program are in the process of being implemented. Both the curriculum self-study group and the Task Force Committee have focused in on improving program articulation and student academic performance. After much study, discussion, and introspection, the educational program is changing. System-wide curriculum articulation will improve with the appointment of a full time curriculum coordinator and also by allowing staff to develop curriculum through released time. The concern to improve the academic atmosphere is being addressed. Also a sequential and progressive system-wide homework policy is being established. Utilization of formal departmental testing programs to assess curriculum effectiveness and student placement and performance is in the process of being implemented.

"The need to communicate with parents if any change is to be made in student's placement has been recognized by the Task Force report. Increasing the graduation requirements from a minimum of 90 credits to 110 has been recommended. This increase of credit would be exclusively in the academic area.

"A core curriculum has been recommended by both the evaluation self-study committee as well as the Task Force. Both groups feel that this emphasis on a core curriculum will be the appropriate vehicle to improve the academic standards at MHS. The visiting committee requests that the MHS staff define and approve what it means as a 'core curriculum.' Once defined, the visiting committee agrees with implementation of the core curriculum. Consequently, this proposed educational plan should bring with it curriculum guides that will develop sequential skills in learning areas and prerequisites to courses."

COMMENDATIONS

1. The wide variety of levels and courses offered to meet the needs of a diverse student population.
2. The unique programs which encourage direct experience and/or alternative learning settings for many students. (Nursery School, Career Achievement Program, Job Connection, Broader Horizons, Work Study.)
3. The commitment to small classes for specialized courses such as Physics.
4. A diversity of clubs and activities that reinforce many of the objectives that are stressed in the classroom.
5. The level of community cooperation with various programs and departments within the school.
6. The thorough work done by the self-study committee in their curriculum report.
7. The well-developed report of the Task Force on the curriculum assessment test results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue to develop and implement a long-range educational plan that is academically accountable
2. Improve academic standards and performance through the appropriate educational programs.
3. Implement a core-curriculum as recommended by the Self-study Committee and the Task Force Committee.
4. Increase the graduation requirements in academic areas.
5. Inform the Millbury community of the educational plan.
6. Involve the parents and community in developing and enriching the educational program.
7. Advise the parents of any changes in their youngster's educational plan.
8. Complete, with subsequent revision, curriculum guides for all learning areas.
9. Create a vehicle for the discussion and communication of the educational program by the staff, students and parents.
10. Expand the availability of the word processing lab to all departments.
11. Students be required to pass all sequential courses before advancing to the next level of study: (for example, students may not take English I and II in the same academic year.)
12. Mandatory requirements and/or teacher recommendation be strictly adhered to for all sequential courses and in all subject areas of disciplines.
13. Goals and objectives be established for independent study so that each discipline has specific guidelines and requirements.
14. In addition to a diploma, a certificate of proficiency be awarded at graduation to qualified students in the areas of Business, Industrial Arts and Home Economics.
15. A curriculum committee that will be responsible to the principal be formed to review, evaluate and recommend curriculum revisions. The members of this committee could be permanent appointees or they could serve one year appointments with a different teacher from each department appointed on a revolving basis.
16. Provisions be made for sufficient special needs classes for the 8th grade.
17. Specific goals and objectives be established for each student activity.

Stenciling Class

MILLBURY. The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will sponsor a stenciling (hoop and fabric) class at 6:30 p.m. on February 10 in the library. The instructor will be Meredith Ordway, owner of Notions and More. The fee of $8.50 per person includes all the supplies needed.

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Lake Ripple Restaurant

Everyone has heard of the "Ripple Effect," but for Jerry and Susan Fleming, the expression takes on added dimension. This Grafton husband and wife team own and operate the Lake Ripple Restaurant, located at the junction of Routes 122 and 140 in North Grafton, literally on the shores of Lake Ripple. Each season brings diners new scenery to enjoy and appreciate while feasting on a variety of sumptuous meals.

The Flemings, both Grafton natives, bought the restaurant in 1984, but they have been in the restaurant business for thirteen years. Jerry originally was the director of Physical Education at Grafton High School. He left the teaching profession and, with his wife, opened a seasonal restaurant in New Hampshire. "My father had cottages at Hampton Beach," Jerry recalled, "and we built a small hot dog and sub shop called 'Jerry's Hot Dogs.' You wouldn't believe the volume. We worked from six in the morning 'til two at night."

The Flemings were not discouraged by the hard work and long hours, and they soon purchased the Drawbridge Restaurant in Hampton, a larger seasonal restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Jerry and Susan took on many of the tasks associated with the restaurant business and between them they bussed tables, cooked and washed the dishes. According to Susan, "We'd fill in to do any job if we had to."

Occasionally, the Flemings were pressed into service at the "drop of an egg." With much good humor, Jerry said, "I had a breakfast cook quit on me one day, and I had to prepare 180 orders of eggs; I had eggs up to my elbows."

Their experiences at Hampton have served them well, for, from their apprenticeship there, they returned to buy the Lake Ripple Restaurant and improve and create a restaurant that now features menu selections from the very basic family style meal to gourmet fare. Their restaurant is also rapidly gaining a reputation for serving some of the finest seafood in the area.

As with any entrepreneur who purchases an established business, the Flemings realized that some changes would have to be made. "When we bought the restaurant," Susan explained, "we immediately began to make changes, but we tried to do it logically. First, we upgraded all the food, then we improved the kitchen, then built a parking lot, then renovated the bar and lounge, and now we're going to be doing the whole dining room over. We've bought all light oak chairs and tables which will go nicely with the new carpeting. When that's through," she added, "we're going to start all over with the kitchen again; we're always trying to think ahead."

Dedication and pride are traits which Jerry and Susan possess and which are mirrored in their employees. "We have the best help," Jerry said, "and we're very proud of the many people we have working for us. They make our job much easier."

According to Susan, "We set very high standards for ourselves and for our employees. Our waitresses are the best. We insist that our waitresses are intelligent, personable, and have a thorough knowledge of the food they serve."

Jerry pointed with pride to Timmy Welcome of Grafton who is the restaurant's day chef. "Tim is a straight 'A' graduate of Johnson and Wales' culinary program. I know he'll set things up right and that frees me to do other things," he explained.

Although Jerry has been out of the classroom for many years, his love for teaching still finds a way of expressing itself in his work. Jerry cooks every night. "It's tough to find good help," he said, "but we've got some boys who started as dishwashers and expressed an interest to learn more about food preparation. So I taught them how to prepare food portions and a few other things, and now they make antipastos and help us out a lot. What's really satisfying," he said with a big smile, "is that they've expressed an interest in going on and studying culinary arts. It's very satisfying and rewarding when that happens."

The hard work and long hours have not diminished over the years. The Flemings spend 80 to 100 hours a week at the restaurant working beside their help; Susan is the hostess and cashier and Jerry cooks. "Working all these hours, you've got to have a good sense of humor," Susan said, looking over at Jerry who was nodding in agreement.

Jerry went on to relate some amusing incidents that have occurred at the restaurant. "One customer sent his meal back because the spaghetti wasn't long enough! I told them I couldn't help that, they only make the boxes so long. And a woman sent her lobster back because it wasn't red enough."

The Flemings are proud of the fact that seldom are meals ever returned, but also noted, "We tell our waitresses that if the meal doesn't look right or isn't attractive, they don't have to serve it. We stand behind every meal we put on the menu and if a customer isn't satisfied, the waitresses are told to replace without comment. We buy the finest quality food and take great care in preparing it. In the food business, you're only as good as the last meal you served, and we set our standards very high."

A desire to please the customer motivates Jerry to come up with dishes for his menu that make for a large returning clientele. He has recently created a new item, an eight ounce breast of chicken with a sea food stuffing of shrimp and scallops. The stuffing was originally Jerry's own recipe but another cook made some suggestions which have resulted in this very successful new addition to the menu. The Flemings have expanded their menu and have been concentrating on increasing their seafood offerings. They have been so successful that they now can boast of a seafood menu that rivals any competition. Next on their agenda is the addition of a lobster tank which will allow them to keep their own fresh supply of lobsters in full view of customers.

In spite of the fact that some gourmet items are available on the menu, the Flemings keep their food reasonably priced. "We want to offer a menu that will appeal to all tastes and that will be affordable for a family."

To this amiable couple, the phrase, "ripple effect," signifies their commitment to serving the highest quality food at reasonable prices, which in turns assures them of a satisfied clientele.

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Lip Sync Contest has Millbury High Students "Raisin" the Roof

Millbury High students participated in the school's annual Lip Sync Contest on January 30th with "Shangri-La" winning the competition.

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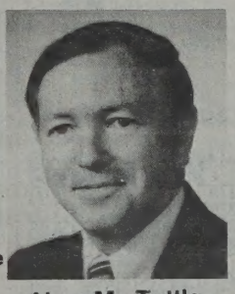

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Crossword Puzzle

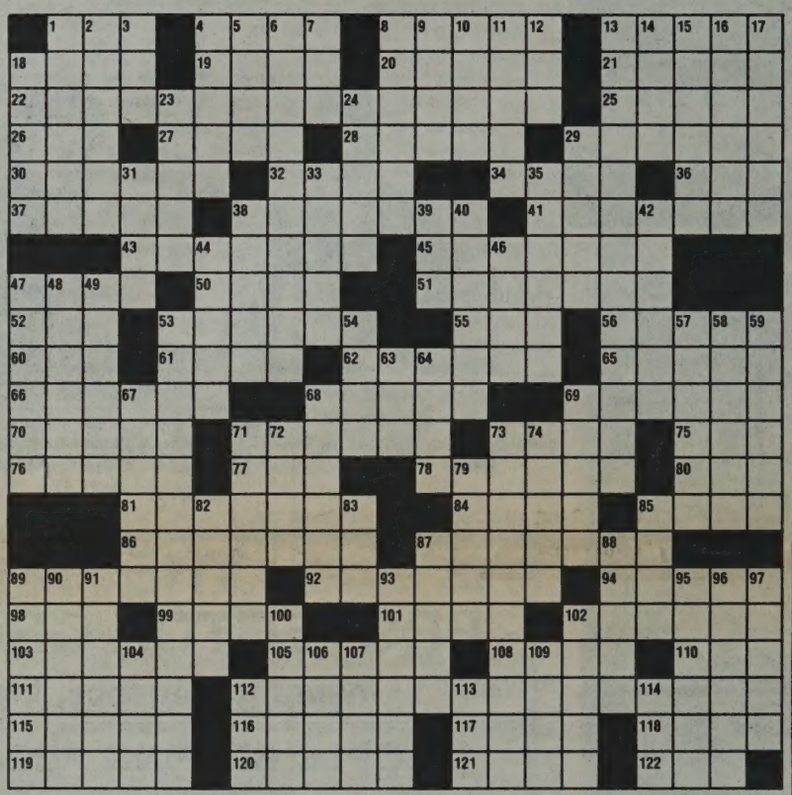
By Robert A. Anderson

ACROSS

1 Mil. address
4 Type of sax
8 Michener work
13 Piece of pottery
18 Earthy materials
19 Adriatic wind
20 Soup scoop
21 Supernatural
22 Commuter bird?
25 Ship
26 Presidential nickname
27 Tableland
28 Delightful places
29 High-pitched
30 Rubbish
32 Blackthorn
34 To be, in Bergerac
36 Brown of renown
37 Frighten
38 Advice
41 Most moist
43 Strays
45 Course of study
47 Dundee church
50 Lily plant
51 Love potion
52 Helm letters
53 Helpmate
55 Totality
56 Abbey Theatre founder
60 Curve shape
61 Gridiron ploys
62 Bowling marks
65 Rumor, with "about"
66 — together (solved)
68 Indigo plants
69 Musical rattles
70 Arizona political name
71 Will or Roy
73 Musical connector
75 Witch
76 Corolla part
77 1 or 122 Across, e.g.
78 Belgian port
80 Indefinite pronoun
81 Varieties
84 Islands off Galway
85 Former sr.
86 Medieval fabrics
87 Watery mineral
89 African adventures
92 Patois
94 Inappropriate
98 Go astray
99 Can. province
101 Political cartoonist
102 Stone monuments
103 Perforates
105 Sun shade
108 Capable of
110 Author Deighton
111 Deportment
112 Baseball bird?
115 Tidal wave
116 Compare
117 Detriment
118 Group of followers
119 Rendezvous
120 Bias
121 Dockage
122 Sched. heading

DOWN

1 Certain numbers
2 Cadiz coin
3 Former spy org.
4 General Doubleday
5 Pilots' records
6 Seditious
7 Crew member
8 Tourists' records
9 Seek out electronically
10 Yemeni seaport
11 Stuffy
12 Poetic time of day
13 Desk-bound avian?
14 In this place
15 Good for plowing
16 Ransacks
17 Abhor
18 Australian exports
23 Moslem title
24 Hard workers
29 Church council city
31 Pioneers' journey
33 Pear-shaped instruments
35 Sturdy fabrics
38 Close-fitting cap
39 Second sight, for short
40 Hungarian musical family
42 Shoe factory workers
44 Part of REM
46 Unit of measure
47 Maintain
48 Kind of information
49 Elect once again
53 Coxswain parrot?
54 Feudal fieldhand
57 Creator
58 Albanian capital
59 Artificial
63 Muslim spiritual guide
64 As well
67 Top-drawer
68 Corresponded
69 Moslem sect
71 Prejudiced
72 Newspaper notice
73 Load-bearing
74 Inclined
79 Lucrative career for some
82 Biographer Ludwig et al.
83 Scribes' org.
85 Comic Wilder
87 Wake-up call
88 Cambridge instructor
89 Group of seven
90 Unpaid debt
91 Like a tasseled border
93 Consecrate
95 Unstinting
96 Culinary treat in Barcelona
97 Belief
100 Profit
102 Jazz tune
104 Mongrels
106 Author-actress Chase
107 British gun
109 Persian elf
112 Fed. data office
113 Sounds of exclamation
114 Hard water?



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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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DEADLINE

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3. Homework should be reviewed by the teacher.

4. Homework assignments should be viewed from a positive standpoint to motivate students.

Mrs. Cooney agreed with the suggestions and recommended several more. "Incorporated in the policy should be a statement that homework will never be primitive in nature. I would also like to see added a statement that homework assignments will be collected, corrected, and returned by the teacher with an evaluation thereof within a reasonable amount of time. As a final addition, I would like to see a statement that it is the responsibility of all people involved, and that every principal has the responsibility for implementation."

Tuttle expressed concern that teacher's hands might be tied too much. "There has to be some leeway."

Wilczynski stated, "If it is collected, why not give it back with a mark or something. I don't see it as tying teacher's hands."

Troughton cautioned for balance and flexibility, citing a scenario where homework may be reviewed in class as part of the next day's lesson.

Wilczynski stated, "We expect kids are doing homework. Mrs. Cooney's points are more direct as to what we want. I don't see any problem. The crux of the homework policy is that there will be direct feedback to students. Students will be expected to do homework. Students should be told in a direct way. We don't want to tie teacher's hand nor be hard-nosed. We have had very weak homework procedures over the years."

A parent in attendance related a situation involving homework where one teacher does not give students a grade for homework completed but subtracts points if homework is not turned in. She noted that there was no problem with the teacher but that student's marks are determined by 5 tests only per marking period. She cited this incidence as a point where the grading policy is not being followed as established.

Pease noted that the policy states that homework will be part of a student's mark. "The departments policy is loose if it is not done."

Mrs. Cooney replied, "It is up to the building principal to enforce the committee's established and approved policy. Go to the principal."

The parent stated that she did not want any problems. Mrs. Cooney replied, "We make policy, the Principals' job is to carry out policy. That's his job. He is getting paid for that."

Hanratty stated that the committee will take a look at all areas of concern.

- Elmwood Principal Kelton Johnson was present to report on what has been done to comply with Fire Chief Nault's list of violations of fire safety codes at the school. Johnson stated that all the recommendations have been complied with except for the temporary use of the cafeteria for a duplicating machine. He cited a letter from Nault that allowed the temporary measure until relocation could be found.

In another matter, Johnson presented a list of activities and costs which would be funded under the School Improvement Council Funds allotted by the state under Chapter 188.

1. A program of folk tales to be conducted by Sara Gannon - Total cost $350.00.

2. Zoo shows, a traveling zoo show that will visit the school in the spring - $600.00.

3. Coloring books entitled, "Starting School" to be given to each child entering school - $175.00

4. Transportation costs for a field trip - $300.00.

5. Clown program ("My Nose Turns Red") on February 25th, $350.00.

The committee approved the expenditures with no discussion.

- Signs for posting on school property prohibiting motor bikes and all terrain vehicles will be posted in the near future.

- The committee voted 5-0 to transfer funds for the purchase of Digital equipment at a cost of $3,000 to allow both Elmwood and the Middle School access to the computing facility located at the high school.

- Under "Resignations and Leaves, the committee:

1. approved the resignation of Robert Nicoletti as Boy's Assistant Track Coach.

2. accepted the retirement of Harry Howard, effective the end of the 1988 school year.

- Under "Appointments", the committee voted to appoint Raymond Godbout Head Custodian at the Middle School. Godbout's former position at the High School will be posted for interested applicants.

- A request for a sabbatical leave from Donna Saucier was deferred until the next meeting.

- Under "Addenda", the committee approve the purchase of a new van from Day Bros. of Auburn, at a price of $10,109.00 which was the lowest bid. Mrs. Pierce was also instructed to include rust proofing of the van as part of the purchase.

- Pease brought up a suggestion that the administration pursue and investigate the possibility of having the Nature's Classroom program in the fall of next year. Mrs. Cooney stated that she thought that the administration was going to investigate the possibility of the program for summer or vacation time. Troughton stated that it was his understanding that vacation programs were different in nature and not academically oriented nor connected to any school program.

Hanratty remarked that this was one of the few times he had received phone calls for a program. Mrs. Cooney suggested that parents who were unable to afford the program might be hesitant to call. "That would stigmatize kids and parents."

Wilczynski then remarked that the school year is not the time to have the program. "The calls are a campaign to encourage this."

Pease asked that it be looked at again. "We were hurried to make a decision. We could use more information. I don't think the Director, Dr. Santos, was much other than "flip" in his remarks."

Wilczynski stated that he didn't care for the way the children's survey had been conducted, with Mrs. Cooney suggesting that the parents be surveyed and that the cost of $140 per child be included. Tuttle added that he wanted to hear and see what will happen to those children who are unable to attend.

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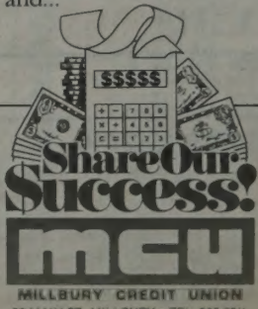

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